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DISTRICT CROPPINGS

Jas. Frazer returned Sunday from a trip to the Charlemont group up Toby creek. He reports that Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Washburn and children are all in excellent health and spirits. Mr. Washburn has his tunnel now in about 100 and is making about a foot a day. In following the ledge he ran into a water-course about 20 feet long and from a few inches to two feet wide. Here the water had washed the mineral out of the ledge but this water-course is considered a splendid indication. The depth of this course is unknown but it has saved the carrying out of a lot of muck which was dumped into it. The lead has been followed from the tunnel mouth and widens out from a few inches to two feet in places. Mr. Washburn is considering the advisability of sinking and says he has now plenty of this high grade ore to make a shipment in the spring. Mr. Frazer brought down some fine specimens of the ore. Everyone will be pleased to here of Mr. Washburn's success and his family's good health far up in the mountains.

S. S. Fowler, consulting engineer for the Paradise mine is expected in Wilmer next week. He is to be accompanied by Mrs. Fowler and Mr. Brigstocke.

Weather—bright and mild.

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Kenneth McCauley came up from Sinclair on Monday quite ill, but is fast improving under Dr. Elliot's care.

The Trail smelter recently shipped a ton and a quarter of silver bullion to Shanghai, where it will be minted into currency.

Messrs. J. C. Pitts, of Windermere, Andrew Green and W. Stanley Ruttan, of Wilmer have been appointed liquor license commissioners for the Windermere License District by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

THE LATEST

The Silver-Lead Miners' Association have formulated the following resolution to the Provincial Government on the subject of the two per cent tax:

1. That a commission be appointed consisting of one mining representative from each district with full powers to investigate the subject of mining taxation and arrive at an equitable basis on which to adjust same.

2. That in the opinion of this Association a tax of ½ of 1 per cent on the gross recovered valued of ore would be a fair substitute for the present tax.

It is estimated that the proposed new basis of taxation would have produced a revenue of $75,000 last year as against $65,000 collected under the 2 per cent tax.

CLOSE TO $20,000,000

Province Mineral Output for 1904

The Provincial Department of Mines has issued a report of the approximate output of minerals in British Columbia in 1904, which has been delayed in reaching this office. However, it shows that the output of last year is in excess of the previous year by $2,274,046. The total value of the mineral produced within the province during the year ending Dec. 31, 1904, was $19,770,000. The total amount of mineral produced during the year other than coal was $15,300,000.

The amount of gold produced, both from quartz and placer, was in excess of that produced in 1903, being $6,400,000 in 1904, while in 1903 it was $5,983,026. An increase of over half a million.

The silver product of the province was also in excess of that of the previous year. In 1904 it amounted to $2,200,000, which was $678,528 in excess of 1903.

The amount of copper mined in the various districts showed a slight increase, the total output being $4,600,000.

Lead, too, increased very considerably over 1903, the output being $1,500,000.

The coal and coke produced amounted to $4,382,267 being practically the same as in the previous year.

The approximate statement of the mineral output for the year 1904 is as follows:

Gold	$ 6,400,000
Silver	2,200,000
Copper	4,600,000
Lead	1,500,000
Miscellaneous	600,000
Total	$15,300,000
Coal, Crow's Nest Pass, tons	370,000
Coal, Vancouver Island, tons	720,000
Total coal tonnage	1,090,000
Value	$3,270,000
Coke, Crow's Nest Pass, tons	220,000
Coke, Vancouver Island	20,000
Total coke tonnage	240,000
Value	$1,200,000
Total 1904 mineral output	$19,770,000

W. Haylmore left with the Wilmer Hockey Club Tuesday morning en route to the Coast to consult an eye-specialist. While trapping at the headwaters of Dutch creek he ran a fir into his eye and after a hard trip down he entered the Hospital here and under the care of Dr. Elliot was improving nicely until last week, when the Doctor announced that an operation on the eye was necessary, and that while it would not be a very serious one yet it was better to have it performed by a specialist.

"Billy" Haylmore is still a young man, although he has time and again wrested fortunes from nature's treasure vaults only to lose them in still greater enterprises. Since he struck this camp five years ago he has not been in "good luck", but he has plodded along cheerfully, working in the mines, trapping, etc., to make a "grub-stake" and then off to develop his claims or seek new ones—in brief, a typical prospector. He has here faced hardships with a smile that others have turned aside from, nothing was too hard for him to attempt. Yet, this brave fellow was completely overcome by kindness. When it was announced last Saturday that "Billy" must go away his friends knowing his financial condition at once started a subscription list and from all parts of the district donations were sent in, amounting in all to $175. Never was a list so willingly subscribed to and never was there a man more loath to accept it and yet who fully appreciated the kindness, and it would be unkind here to attempt to describe the thanks he uttered. But "Billy" may soon be well again and return to his friends. All are fully aware that he would be among the first to help a fellow-being under similar circumstances.

A fine large addition to the Athalmer Hall is now under construction, which will be divided into two dressing rooms. It will be completed and ready for use in time for the Masquerade Ball next Tuesday evening, the proceeds of which will be applied to pay the cost of this much-needed improvement. Everything points to this ball being a great success and all are requested to be present sharp on time.

RY. SURVEY IS CHANGED

On Monday it was learned that Chief Grant, of the C. P. R. survey party, had instructions to return to Athalmer and to start from there to survey up the west side of Windermere lake past Canterbury. It is not known whether this line is to go through to Canal Flat or connect with the present location line at or near Dutch creek bridge. Yesterday afternoon the party passed Wilmer on their way up. This change came as quite a surprise to people here, although many expected the first survey would have been made on this side.

Tuesday Messrs. F. C. Stockdale, F. L. Brock, L. Millar, G. Wells and Hugh McDonald, of the Wilmer Hockey Club, left for Golden to play a match tonight (Thursday) with the Golden Hockey Club. Owing to one of the local members being unable to get away, on the way down it was intended to get V. F. Dunn to accompany them from Spillemacheene.

Miss Bowen arrived at Windermere on Monday's stage from Montreal to visit her brother, Alex. Bowen, whom she had not seen for about 12 years. It is said Miss Bowen had heard her brother was seriously ill in the Golden Hospital and arrived there to care for him, but found he had recovered and was working in one of the lumber camps on the lake.

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Croppings

Today it is generally acknowledged that in order for a speaker or writer to attract attention he must have opinions of his own and express them clearly and forcibly. Whether the reader or listener agrees with the opinions expressed he wants them said earnestly and then his respect and interest is aroused. Of late our two parsons, who administer to the spiritual requirements of this district, have been preaching earnestly on subjects that strike close to the social and moral life of the community and their good words and works are not being wasted if one may judge by the increased attendance at church. People living in a new mining camp are never church-goers and they care not what religion a man has, but if he has any all he needs do is to live it and the respect of the camp is his, if he is only liberal-minded enough to allow others their ideas too. Fortunately, this camp has two parsons who thoroughly understand their position and while some may not agree with them in all things, yet all are pleased to see them attacking evil and trying to get people to do right that all may be the happier.

Distress in London is greater this winter than it has been in thirty years. Thousands are homeless and hungry. The soup-houses have been opened and charity is keeping multitudes of wretched people from starving. Prosperous Canada is helping and that help will return many times—people will learn that here in Canada is plenty and happy homes await them. Want stalks also among the unemployed in many other countries.

A New York woman is charged with witchcraft. The story is that she gave another woman a decoction of tea which caused her to loose her sense of locality. The victim imagines she is in one place when she is really in another. Many persons have suffered from this complaint, but have not thought of attributing it to tea or witchcraft.

The removal of a wooden-limbed postmistress in Kentuckey on account of her marriage was, perhaps, on the ground that she had secured other means of support.

A curious characteristic peculiar to the California redwood tree is that if the head is cut off by lightning a new one will gradually grow out in its place as shapely as the first.

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TWO PER CENT TAX AGAIN

The two per cent ore tax is again up for agitation and now it is evident that the low grade mine owners and the high grade mine owners may collide and the result may be injurious to the present favorable outlook of the mining industry.

Already one element among the mine operators is busy preparing data to show that the tax is inequitable and is retarding the industry. On the other hand another set of mine owners is prepared to exercise all its influence to have the tax maintained. This means, in all probability, a bitter controversy that will scare off possible investors and in the long run prove more harmful than the tax, says the Nelson News.

The facts to be confronted are that the Government claims it cannot afford to make such a change in the system of mines taxation as will reduce the revenue resulting therefrom, that the Government has shown no disposition to investigate ways and means of readjusting this taxation with a view to redressing alleged inequalities, and that there is apparently no member of the Government willing to formulate, or capable of doing so, a plan of taxation that will be equitable.

Moreover, it may be added that none of the various administrations since the tax became law in 1900 have been willing or capable to tackle it.

It is with the present Government, that the mine operators will have to deal. With one party contending that the tax is fair and the other alleging that it is inequitable, the probable outcome, under the circumstance mentioned, will be that nothing will be done in regard to the tax, but that a great deal of possibly hurtful publicity will be given to a phase of the mining industry.

There is this other possibility that the Government may seize upon the outcry against the two per cent tax as a pretext to tax mine plants and improvements instead of the ore output and the second state of the mine owners would we imagine, be worse than the first.

It should be possible for the mine owners to get together and to agree upon a course in regard to taxation without engaging in a controversy that will undoubtedly have a bad effect on the outside. The proposal to ask the Government to permit the deduction of cost of mining and to increase the tax on ore from two to five per cent meets with the approval of many operators of low grade properties. It may be that the Slocan mine owners, who profess satisfaction with the present tax, might agree to this change. Some of them frankly admit that at present the low grade properties have to bear an undue proportion of taxation and all of them, we understand, would be prepared to fall in with any scheme to redress this inequality if there were reasonable prospect that the Government would not seize upon the opportunity presented by the present controversy to abolish the tax on output in favor of a tax upon plants and improvements. The feeling among the Slocan mine owners appears to be that in approaching the present Government for any change in the existing system of taxation, they would be playing with fire and that they might emerge from the adventure very badly singed.

The situation is one that calls for the exercise of considerable discretion on the part of the mine owners. They should strive to so act that nothing will be said or done that will tend to weaken in any way the renewal of confidence in British Columbia as a field of profitable mining investment.

The Phoenix Pionneer says it appears that the uncalled for endorsment of the two per cent tax was entirely gratuitous by the high grade miners of the Slocan, and its consideration was outside the scope of the commission. Possibly they thought if mineral taxation were rearranged, it might bear a little heavily on the high grade mines of the province, and so were attempting with very little success, it seems, to cast an anchor to windward. They would not fancy paying taxes on their wages and mining supplies, timber, etc., if those charges amounted to a large portion of the value of their ore product—not a bit of it. So far the Government has not found a way to alter the two per cent tax, to which such strenuous objection has been made by the low grade miners. But it must come in time—there can be little doubt of that—high grade miners to the contrary notwithstanding.

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TIMBER LICENSES.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in the North East Kootenay District:

Commencing at a post marked "W. N. Gallop's corner post" and planted about one mile northeast from forks of No. 2 creek, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chain to point of commencement. Containing 640 acres.

Dated Dec. 7, 1904.

W. N. GALLOP,
per R. S. Gallop, Agent

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Commencing at a post marked "R. S. Gallop's corner post" 20 chains east of 8-Mile post on northern boundry of Block 4596, north of Horse Thief creek, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement. Containing 640 acres.

Dated Dec. 1, 1904.

R. S. GALLOP.

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Commencing at a post marked "R. S. Gallop's corner post" about 20 chains north of the northern boundry of Lot 4596, on the north side of Horse Thief creek, 20 chain east of the 7-Mile post, thence east 80 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 40 chains to point of commencement.

Dated Dec. 1, 1904.

R. S. GALLOP.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in the North East Kootenay District:

Commencing at a post marked "F. Gallop's corner post" planted on the south bank of a small tributary of No. 3 creek, near Ogleson's ranch; thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated Dec. 5, 1904.

F. GALLOP,
per R. S. Gallop, Agent.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a Special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in the North East Kootenay district:

Commencing at a post marked "W. N. Gallop's corner post", about one-half mile east of the forks of No. 2 creek; thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement. Containing 640 acres.

Dated Dec. 7, 1904.

W. N. GALLOP,
Per R. S. Gallop, Agent.

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Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a Special License to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in the North East Kootenay District:

Commencing at a post marked "R. S. Gallop's corner post" planted about 20 chains north of No. 2 creek, about half a mile above its junction with No. 3 creek, thence west 160 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 160 chains, thence north 40 chains to point of commencement.

Dated Dec. 3, 1904.

R. S. GALLOP.

Rev. Fraser will conduct services every Sunday in Windermere at 11 a. m. Athalmer at 3 p.m. and Wilmer at 8 p. m., excepting the first Sunday in each month, when he holds services at Galena.

Rev. Mr. E. St. G. Smyth will conduct divine service in Wilmer in the evening of the first Sunday of each month.

MODERN MINING

A Losing Mine is Made to Pay by a Change

The makeshifts and misfits that are often to be seen in old mines certainly do not make for efficiency however much we may admire the ingenuity. Old schemes of work, which have far outlived their usefulness, are often adhered to and made to give results of a sort, when it would be far better to plan anew and commence operations on a scheme of work adopted to the present conditions.

An interesting case of this kind is the Long Tunnel mine, Walhalla, Victoria, Australia. The company operating this mine was originally registered in 1863 with a capital of $60,000. After four years of steady but unsuccessful work the company struck rich ore, and paid its first dividend in 1869. For 19 years it paid dividends without a break, when it was found that the decreasing value of the ore and the increasing working expenses were causing a loss. Dead work was imperative, which, having been done dividends were resumed in 1892 and continued until 1899. From thence onward, however, dividends were discontinued. The last 18 months ending 1901 showed a heavy loss in operating.

How anything but a loss could have been made by the method of work in vogue is inconceivable, except in the case of having marvellously rich ore to treat. The ore first had to be raised 1000 feet in a blind shaft; thence trammed 200 feet to the main shaft, where it was raised 900 feet to the surface and from the collar of the shaft trammed 1200 feet to the mill. It took a man about an hour to get from the face to the surface, and from three to four hours for a car of ore to reach the mill from the face. Such a lack of method would appear incredible, yet we have in mind a few cases, several in Colorado, which could be compared to the Australian case for stupidity.

The company then decided to entirely revise the working scheme to reach the minable ground at one step by means of an incline shaft, to cost $165,000 and to take two and a half years to complete. Work was commenced December 15, 1902, and on on September 28, 1904, the shaft was sunk 2880 feet (possibly an Australian record and a very fine mining performance). By crosscutting, the vein was reached November last, or about seven months ahead of schedule. The effect of the change, of course, was seen at once. In place of the three or four hours formerly necessary for a car of ore to reach the mill from the face, the trip can now be made in half an hour. From that we gather that the mine has again entered a period of prosperity by the management having the courage to discard a bad, old system and to inaugurate a new and common sense plan.

It may be of interest to point out that this mine has a remarkable record for the high value of its ores. It produced 549,196 tons of quartz which yielded 649,269 ounces of gold—one and a quarter ounces per ton—or $13,885,330 in value. Of this amount it paid £1,229,400 in dividends. At $4.85 exchange this amounts to $5,962,590. The mine has paid the extraordinary percentage of 42.9 of its gross output in the form of dividendende to stockholders.—Mining Reporter.

LAND NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that within sixty days from date I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase eighty acres of land. Commencing at a point adjoining Lot 4348, thence running north 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement.

Dated at Wilmer, B.C., this 29th day of November, 1904.

E. E. WATT.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that within 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and works for permission to purchase eighty acres of land. Commencing at a post on the north side of Toby creek, about 100 chains below Jumbo Fork; thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains to the place of commencement.

Dated 20th December, 1904.

M. CARLIN.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that within 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 40 acres of land. Commecing at a post south of Toby creek and on the east line of M. Carlin's application; thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence west 20 chains to place of commencement.

Dated 20th December, 1904.

H. W. HARRISON.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that within 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 40 acres of land. Commencing at a post on the north side of Toby creek, about one-half mile below Jumbo Fork; thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence west 20 chains to the place of commencement.

Dated 20th December, 1904.

F. W. JONES.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that within 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 56 acres of land, more or less. Commencing at a post on the north side of Toby creek, and on the east line of F. W. Jones' application; thence north 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south about 8 chains to Toby creek, thence westerly along Toby creek about 42 chains to place of commencement.

Dated 20th December, 1904.

1-26 J. F. HANNA.

NOTICE,

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in the North East Kootenay District:

Commencing at a post planted near western base of mountain on the east side of No. 3 creek, about three miles above its junction with No. 2 creek, thence south 80 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement.

Dated Nov. 12th, 1904.

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Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
"My trade of late is getting bad,
I'll try another ten-inch ad."
If such there be, go mark him well;
For him no bank account shall swell;
No angel watch the golden stair
To welcome home a millionaire,
The man who never asks for trade
By local line or ad. displayed.
Cares more for rest than worldly gain
And patronage but gives him pain.
Tread lightly, friends, let no rude sound
Disturb his solitude profound,
Here let him live in calm repose
Unsought except by men he owes.
And when he dies, go plant him deep
That naught may break his dreamless sleep;
Where no rude clamor may dispell
The quiet that he loved so well.
And that the world may know its loss,
Place on his grave a wreath of moss,
And on a stone above, "Here lies
A man who wouldn't advertise."
—M. L. Corey.

JUST A GIRL

Many a throne has had to fall
For a girl,
Just a girl;
Many a king has had to crawl
For a girl,
Just a girl;
When the hero goes to war
He may battle for the right,
But 'tis likelier by far
That he sallies forth to fight
For a girl,
Just a girl.

When the doctor turns to say;
It's a girl,
Just a girl;
Papa murmurs with dismay,
What! a girl,
Just a girl?
Ah, why the sadness there?
Why the bitterness displayed?
A strong man some day will swear
That the great round world was made
For a girl,
Just a girl.

Why did Adam take the bite?
For a girl,
Just a girl.
Oh! would heaven still be bright,
And would any good man care
To achive it, if he might
Never claim forever there
Just a girl,
Glorious girl!

Another Golden yarn: "Mary!" her father called downstairs, "just ask your young man from up-country if he doesn't think it's pretty near bedtime?" "Yes, papa," replied the sweet girl, after a pause, "George says if you're sleepy go to bed by all means."

Mother (to her seven-year-old son who has lately been growing free of speech)—"Billie, dear, I will give you ten cents a day for every day you don't say 'darn fool.'" Harold (little brother of five with superior air)—"Humph! If 'darn fool' is worth ten cents, I guess I know words that are worth two-bits."

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The Paradise shipped from 1st April, 1901, to 31st Dec., 1903, net tons 1640.49, the gross value of the metals, without smelter deductions, being $75,910.61.

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Mine	Tons.
Paradise	1,920.36
" In transit	229
Delphine	130.8
" In transit	40
Ptarmigan Mines	165
" in transit	
Swansea	2
White Cat	1
Silver Belt	14
M. T. Fraction	34
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Pretty Girl	6
Tecumseh	31½

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MR. BRUCE ON WILMER

Nelson News: R. R. Bruce, mining operator of Wilmer and manager and part owner of the Paradise and Delphine mines on Toby creek, near Wilmer, is a guest at the Strathcona. Mr. Bruce is C. P. R. land agent at Wilmer and has just came back from a trip to the Territories in connection with the railway's land department sales. Mr. Bruce is booked to return to Wilmer this morning. Asked about the situation and prospects at the Paradise, Mr. Bruce had little to say. Just as long as navigation was maintained, ore shipments to the Trail smelter were kept up and the output would commence in the spring again when navigation reopened and the water supply was once more all right. The mine management are desirous of waiting until the Kootenay Central railway is built before making very large shipments, as the railway will greatly reduce the cost of transportation. So far only the ore met with in development has been shipped out. At the Paradise from 15 to 20 men are kept at development work, getting the property in shape to ship on a fairly large scale once the new line is completed. The Delphine is leased to W. H. Beatty who is working some 10 men.

If Mr. Bruce had not much mining news to impart, he grew loquaciously enthusiastic on the subject of agriculture as applied to the district of which Wilmer is the central point. Said he: "I think agriculture will form the back bone of this province in future, and really is so even at the present time. Why we have at least 100,000 acres of land around Wilmer just fitted for fruit growing and no better climate exists anywhere. Matters have been quiet in our section for some years but a boom is on now owing to the coming railroad construction. During 1904 an immense number of small holdings were sold by the C. P. R. land department and this year so far at least 5,600 acres of land have been disposed of and the demand grows daily. The land is sold at $1, $2.50 and $5 per acre and in many cases is better land than is being offered in the Territories today at greatly increased prices. The C. P. R. has taken up the question of the irrigation of the Wilmer lands and their best engineer is coming to install a system of experimental artesian wells in and around Wilmer.

"Personally I look for a great demand for the lands in question once their possibilities and the prices they are offered at gets to be better known and appreciated outside of the province.

"The lumber industry is thriving with us. The Columbia River Lumber Company with head quarters at Golden, has a 100 man camp at Wilmer and later will have 500 men at work. What with railway construction and a distinct revival in mining, lumbering and fruit growing, the Wilmer district will be one of the busiest spots in the province this coming summer."

While playing hockey in Golden Dr. Taylor fell and dislocated his shoulder.

Mrs. G. Larabee has been quite ill during the past week, but is improving.

Foreman Watson, wife and son left with Alex. Ritchie, for Golden Sunday, en route to spend a holiday in the Old World.

Mrs. R. A. Power returned to Wilmer on Monday from Blowfly, where she had been visiting Mrs. T. Starbird for about a week.

The following did not occur in Wilmer. The throat specialist exhibited his laryngoscope to a nervous woman patient and remarked; "You would be surprised to know how far we can see with this instrument." And then, as he was about to place the laryngoscope in her throat, she apologetically said, in that sweet feminine way: "I have a hole in my stocking."

Jas. Brady, P. L. S., arrived from Golden last week and is surveying J. S. Johnston's ranch.

Ed. Woods arrived from Golden on Sunday and will remain in this vicinity for awhile.

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